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REMARKS

The claims as proposed track those which appear to be allowable in the parent application herein, U.S. Serial No. 09/404, 963 filed 24 September 1999. The claims are virtually identical except that rather than ultrasound imaging, magnetic resonance imaging is claimed.

These claims are supported in the specification on page 3 in paragraph 0007 and on page 4 in paragraph 0008, disclosing that the compositions are useful for magnetic resonance imaging. Consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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